

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 34 cancelled.

- 1 35. (currently amended) A wetness indicator comprising
2 a multiple layer composite of a first ink layer and a second
3 ink layer, at least one of said layers including comprising
4 a polymer matrix containing a pH indicating agent and a
5 fluid regulating additive to regulate fluid contact with
6 said pH indicating agent in said at least one of said
7 layers, said fluid regulating additive being selected from
8 the group consisting of silica gel, superabsorbent polymers,
9 cellulosic resins, anhydride resins, polyolefin blend
10 resins, zeolites, calcium oxide, clays and calcium sulfate,
11 said composite having a thickness and at least one surface
12 to be exposed to an environment containing a fluid to be
13 monitored by said pH indicating agent, and said pH
14 indicating agent and said fluid regulating additive being
15 dispersed through the thickness of said matrix whereby fluid
16 contacting the surface is transmitted by said fluid
17 regulating additive into contact with said pH indicating
18 agent within the thickness of said matrix.

Claims 36-42 cancelled.

1 43. (currently amended) An indicator as in ~~claim 41~~
2 claim 35, wherein said composite is part of an absorbent
3 article worn on a user's body.

1 44. (original) An indicator as in claim 37, wherein
2 said composite is a fabric softener sheet.

1 45. (original) An indicator as in claim 37, in
2 combination with a drying device having a window for viewing
3 the composite.

Claims 44 and 45 cancelled.

1 46. (previously presented) An indicator as in claim
2 35, wherein said at least one of said layers reduces bleed
3 of said pH indicating agent into said fluid.

1 47. (original) A wetness indicating ink comprising a
2 polymer, a pH indicating agent and a fluid regulating
3 additive in an amount effective to provide a cured or dried
4 layer of said ink having said additive dispersed therein
5 with sufficient moisture transmission to cause a fluid

6 contacting said layer to be transmitted into contact with
7 said pH indicating agent within said layer.

1 48. (original) An ink as in claim 47, wherein said ink
2 is a solvent ink containing a solvent soluble or solvent
3 dispersible fluid regulating additive.

1 49. (original) An ink as in claim 48, wherein said ink
2 is a radiation curable ink containing a dispersible fluid
3 regulating additive.

1 50. (original) An ink as in claim 47, wherein said
2 fluid regulating additive is selected from the group
3 consisting of silica gel, superabsorbent polymers,
4 cellulosic resins, anhydride resins, polyolefin blend
5 resins, zeolites, calcium oxide, clays and calcium sulfate.